



Serving Children, Starting Early

What is ICSIC?

Established by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and operated by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, the Interagency Collaboration and Services Integration Commission (ICSIC) serves as a coordinating body for all for the District Government's services for children.

What does ICSIC do?

Vision and Goal Setting. The Commission sets priorities and recommends policies on youth issues for the entire District Government. By laying out the vision for District children and youth through the six city-wide goals, ICSIC is providing an opportunity for District agencies, community groups, and families to work together to ensure that children are fulfilling that vision.

Coordinating Body. The Commission monitors, aligns, and supports child and youth initiatives to achieve results for children, youth, and families of the District of Columbia. Through the analysis of data and review of current policies, ICSIC determines where opportunities for collaboration exist for District agencies who serve our children, youth, and families.

Program Development. ICSIC will spearhead the District's new early-intervention and prevention initiative for at-risk children in school. According to Title V of the Public Education Reform Act of 2007, ICSIC should "promote social and emotional skills among children and youth through the oversight of a comprehensive integrated service delivery system." This system will be piloted in schools in Spring 2008 and will be launched more broadly in school year 2008-2009. The Commission will also monitor the implementation of evidence based programs in schools and communities.

Six Citywide Goals for Children and Youth

- ❶ Children are ready for school.
- ❷ Children and youth succeed in school.
- ❸ Children and youth practice healthy behaviors.
- ❹ Children and youth engage in meaningful activities.
- ❺ Children and youth live in healthy, stable and supportive families.
- ❻ Youth make a successful transition into adulthood.



ICSIC Pilot Programs

Interagency Collaboration and Services Integration Commission (ICSIC) will implement several evidence-based programs that will target specific issues in the District of Columbia, including school culture and climate, substance use, self confidence, and other mental health issues.

- **DC START** - early intervention mental health model working with the student and family.
- **Second Step** - school culture and climate program that integrates academics with social and emotional learning.
- **Life Skills Training** - substance abuse prevention program
- **Primary Project** - school adjustment program for grades K-3.
- **School Resource Officer Training** - All SROs will be trained in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, mentoring, and law-related education

The programs will be implemented in a select number of District schools this year and will serve over 10,000 students. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education will make plans to expand programs next school year based on an independent evaluation of all ICSIC programs.



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